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HISTORY OF THE THIMBLE.

Great Antiquity Claimed for the Finger Protector.

From the London Graphic. The origin of the thimble has been a subject of the thought and researches of learned and patient antiquaries, some of whom have collected examples of varied dates, forms and substances in the course It is contended by some that the metal thimble is a Dutch invention of only two centuries ago, while others claim for it an least, pointing in support of their contention to the recorded fact of the discovery amid the ruins of Herculaneum of examples in bronze almost identical in form with those employed by tailors at the present

day.
The ancient Britons had their "byswain." or finger-guard, for use with the "gwnla-dur," or sewing-steel, in their rude dress and mantle making. The Roman conquerors of those hardy islanders seem to have had metal thimbles

similar to our own. Bronze and brass ex-amples discovered with other Roman relics during excavations in London, or dredged up from the Thames, are exhibited by enthusiastic antiquaries as evidence of this. Some of these examples are in the collec-tion of the late Henry Syer Cuming, F. S. A., Scot., vice president of the British Archaeological Association. The collection is now at the Southwark Library, Walworth road, to which institution it was bequeathed with the extensive Cuming mu-

seum.
The thimbles ascribed to the Roman period were recovered from the Thames off Dowgate, September, 1856. They are a golden-colored bronze or brass, and are re-markable for their conical tops, a feature which distinguishes them from thimbles of modern make. With them was found one similar to the specimens discovered at

Herculaneum.
In the dark ages of the thimble—the interval between the Roman and the modern thimble—the "fingerlinge," or "themal," as it was then called, was made of leather.
"Thimble," by the way, is supposed by
some to be a corruption of "thumb-bell," mer times, as it is by sailmakers today, At the beginning of the fifteenth century

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metal thimbles were being made at Nurnberg, and within a century of the date of the introduction of the handicraft there were no fewer than twenty-four metal thimble makers in that city alone, whence the art was carried to Holland.

the holidays.

dials and Whiskeys for

Though silver thimbles of an early date are seldom met with, they were in common use in the seventeenth century, and were among the offerings to the service of the civil war parliament, made by Puritan gentlewomen and serving maids under the influence of the persuative eloquence of of years devoted to archaeological pursuits. Hugh Peters, the zealous regicide preacher, It is contended by some that the metal who was executed in 1600. At this period thimbles were also made of a coppery-looking metal, called, after its inventor, enturies ago, while others claim for it an "Prince Rupert's metal," and ornamenta-antiquity of some two thousand years at tion and the practice of inscribing a motio or posy around the lower part was com-

mon.

The period that is not infrequently referred to as that of the invention of the thimble—the last quarter of the seventeenth century—would seem to be that in which an impetus was given to their manufacture by the invention of some new process which has come to be taken as the invention of the thimble itself. The Dutch, for example, regard the year 1684 as entitled to that distinction, and in 1884 what has been ascribed as "the bi-centennial of the thimble" was celebrated at Amsterdam

with a great deal of formality.

In the collection of Mr. Way, who is a member of the council of the British Archaeological Association, there are, in addition to early metallic thimbles, silver and brass, some with steel tops, a well-worn one of ivory and another of Wedg-wood, were wood ware.
Though the materials of which thimbles

have been made present variety enough through the centuries of their history, little variation in form appears. But of lat a departure has been made. Among thimble curiosities is one made by a London manufacturer for two fingers, to

the order of a lady whose thimble finger was attached to the third finger. Of costly thimbles there are the notable examples, among others, of those made to the orders of American millionaires, the one, costing £5,000, a present to a daughter, and an other, worth £3,000, a present to a wife. The treasures of the Queen of Siam include a pure gold thimble, designed as a lotus blossom—which in Siam symbolizes royalty—with the home name of her majesty and the date of her marriage in precious stones, while the Duchess of Fife treasures the beautiful gold thimb'e, erriched with turquoises, that she received among her wedding presents. A thimble prized by an American lady is one of the prized by an American lady is one of the ittle silver thimbles worn by Queen Victoria in the days of her diligent childhood while the wife of an American millionaire treasures a gold and enamel thimble for-mery used by our present queen.

Mirth vs. Drugs. From Mothers' Magazine.

Reports have come to this country through the press that London physicians are strongly recommending smiling as substitute for tonics and medicines.

"There is no doubt about it," said one of the profession. "Laughter is most beneficial to health, and there are psychological reasons why smiling is beneficial which may be comprehended by the lay mind. For one thing, it accelerates the circulation and so alds digestion. It relieves the brain by quickening the movement of the blood through the veins and vessels; moreover, even an artificial smile produces considerable increase of vital activity, because it heightens the nervous stimulation."

The board of education of the local public | which is announced as a "course in social chools at its meeting Friday afternoon and gymnastic dancing." schools at its meeting Friday afternoon

passed the following resolution: "The board of education learns with regret of the death on the twentieth instant of Miss Amanda L. Grant, the principal of the Brent School, and desires to record its appreciation of her faithful service, both as teacher and principal, during her long connection with the schools of the District."

The Wallach night school will hold its Christmas entertainment in the assembly hall of the Eastern High School, Friday evening, January 5. Dr. U. S. G. Plerce, pastor of All Souls Unitarian Church, will give his lecture, "A Night in the Nether World," which he illustrates with stereoptics richard Luray caverns and Manticon views of Luray caverns and Mam-

It is the general policy of the night school teachers to hold Christmas entertainments for their pupils the first Friday after the holidays, as the attendance before Christ-mas falls off considerably in consequence of the opening of the stores at night. The en-tertainment acts as an incentive for a prompt January enrollment. Miss West-cott, the principal of the Wallach school, is departing from the traditional program, but believes that Dr. Pierce's lecture will prove attractive to the pupils, their friends and all East Washington citizens who are interested in the development of night schools.

The Eastern High School Literary Society has been reorganized and has begun active work. The officers elected at the first meeting are as follows: President, Mr. Eslin, '07; vice president, Miss Hester Pyles, '07, and '07 the president of the presiden secretary-treasurer, Mr. Peussel

The first debate of the year was held on December 13 on the subject, "Resolved, that churches should accept money effered by Mr. Rockefeiler. The affirmative was supported by Miss King. Mr. Ramsey and Mr. McFarland, the negative by Miss Bane, Mr. Handy and Mr. Clark. The decision was given in favor of the affirmative, while Mr. Clark and Miss Bane of the negative were given first and second honors, respectively. A committee was appointed to challenge Western to an inter-high school debate.

One of the inspiring incidents for the pupils of Armstrong Manual Training School, in addition to the exhibit, was the return for the Christmas vacation of many of last year's graduates who are engaged in prolonging the work of industrial instruction in the schools of the south. From Salisbury. Princess Anne, Easton, Elkton and Catons-ville, Md., come reports from Armstrong graduates which bring true and durable inspiration to present students to be up and doing that they, too, may have the privi-lege of making some sacrifice for the advancement of those of their race less fortunate in advantages than they. Like re-ports come from graduates who are doing the work of old Armstrong at Port Conway, Va., and at Dover, Del.

The exhibit of the work of the colored night school which was installed at Armstreng shows in a most convincing way what is being accomplished by the more than one thousand men and women who are in attendance. With only two hours a night for three nights a week and a total of only twenty-nine night sessions this term, the quality and quantity of work ac-complished was marvelous. It was suggested by many who viewed and carefully inspected the work that if those who make appropriations could only have seen the work that an extension of the term from colly offer some problem. only fifty-seven nights to the Easter holi-days would have been assured. The night schools reopen Wednesday, January 3.

A very pretty home wedding which interests Armstrong occurred on December 27, when Mr. Matthew Morton, teacher of chemistry, was united in marriage to Miss Lucy A. Turner, a former teacher in the normal school of Gloucester, Va.

Dr. N. Monroe Hopkins assistant pro-fessor of chemistry at the George Wash-ington University, will probably withdraw from the largest part of his lecture work at the institution in order to be able to devote himself mainly to the duties of his of the bureau of yards and docks in the Navy Department, to which he was recently appointed. Dr. Hopkins will be obliged to travel a good deal in the course of his work, but it is understood he will continue to direct the researches of graduate stu-dents who are enrolled in his department for the present academic year.

The Christmas recess of the George Washington University closes Monday, and on Tuesday morning work will be resumed in all departments. During the past week all classes have been suspended, but the laboratories have been open till 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and a few students who start the halldays in Washington reported. spent the holidays in Washington reported daily to carry on their experimental studies without intermission.

It is announced by the faculty of the in-stitution that the midwinter examinations will be held in the last week of January.

During the Christmas recess two of the educators who have been lost to Washing-ton have visited their old field—Dr. F. M. Lane, principal of the academic section of the Brooklyn Polytechnic, and Mr. John T. Truman, superintendent of Schenectady.

The officials of the Corcoran Art Gallery announce the opening January 5 of an exhibition of 373 water-color paintings by the great oriental painter, J. James Tissott. These are the illustrations of the Old and New Testaments which have attracted so much attention from biblical scholars and painters in recent years. The gallery will be open to parties of twenty or more school pupils in charge of a teacher all through the week, the usual charge on certain days

Wilson (Ph. D., 1904), who is president of the club, and Dr. Charles E. Munroe, head professor of chemistry and chairman of the committee on higher degrees, assisted by other members, acted as the reception committee. Dr. Wilson made a short address of welcome, after which Dr. Frank Leighton Day, who was recently appointed to fill the chair of Biblical literature, de-livered an address on "Methods of Gradafterward and an impromptu program of dance music was rendered on the college plano for the benefit of the guests.

The graduating class of the Georgetown University Law School last Monday night presented the popular foot ball hero, Branch Bocock, with a set of law dictionaries. Mr. Bocock, who played quarter back during the past season, will, it is intimated be the captain of the Georgetown timated, be the captain of the Georgetown 'varsity foot ball team next year. The Western High School attributes its victory in the high school championship games to his friendly coaching. The presentation speech was made by the president of the class, Mr. Leahy. Other

addresses were made by Messrs. Kennedy, Murphy, Geoghan, Yeatman and McCarthy. The occasion was one in which law and foot ball played a tie game.

The history teachers of the Washington high schools were all in evidence at the meeting of the American Historical Asso-clation, which was held Friday afternoon in the payilion of seals at the Congressional Library. Five sessions had been held in Baltimore, and many local teachers went over to hear the papers contributed went over to hear the papers contributed by some of the most prominent historians of the country, among whom were Frank J. Goodnow, John B. McMaster, St. George L. Sioussat, Charles Lee Roper, William E. Dodd, Ralph C. H. Catterall, William A. Dunning, James A. James, A. C. McGif-fert, J. Culien Ayer, E. C. Richardson, Dana C. Munro, Thomas C. Owen, Edward P. Cheyney, William B. Livaryora P. Cheyney, William R. Livermore and James H. Robinson. Interesting discus-sions on history in the elementary schools, church history in the cellege cur-riculum were carried on, and Messrs. Chey-ney and Robinson, whose text-books have recently been introduced into the local public schools, contributed particularly strong papers along the lines of their spe-cial excellence, "The England of Our Earliest American Forefathers" and "Recent Tendencies of the French Revolu-

Some anxiety has been felt by various local public school physical culture teachers over the matter of announcing dancing as a part of the prescribed exercises for physical development. Some regret was expressed that the fine gymnasium at the Business High School was not used during the recent exhibition for dancing exercises. Although dancing is allowed in some schools during the noon recess for the girls, it was not considered wise to make a feature of it at the exhibit. It may be

Eastern High School students have been much edified just before the holidays by a series of two lectures by Mr. Perham, son of the late war governor of Maine. The topic of the lectures was the connection that Samuel Adams had to the struggle for independence.

An interesting departure is being made in German work at the Eastern High School by Miss Phoebe Holmes. The pupils in the German classes are being organized with a choir for the study of "Volkslieder," or songs of the people. All the members of the choir have been provided with standard editions of the "German Volkslieder," and the singing of the old popular songs has begun. Miss Holmes is particularly well equipped for the work, as she is not only a skilled German scholar but a trained

A new university was made the subject of a certificate of incorporation yesterday, which was placed on record in the office of the recorder of deeds. The new institution is called St. John's University, and its object, as reported in The Star yesterday, is to teach various branches in literature and ecience. Its affairs are to be managed by forty-six trustees, sixteen of whom are bishops, fifteen ministers and fifteen laymen. The board of trustees, in addition to Bishop Satterlee, includes Bishops Potter, Tuttle, Doane, Whitaker, Scarborough, Peterkin, Whitehead, Worthington, Talbot, Lawrence, McVickar, Francis, Burgess, Lawrence, McVic Lines and Greer.

The incorporators are Right Rev. H. Y Satterlee, bishop of Washington; Rev. J. Houston Eccleston of Baltimore, Rev. Randolph H. McKim of this city and George Thomas and George Wharton Pepper, both of Philadelphia.

At the meeting of the Eastern High School Alumnae Association Wednesday night at the Eastern High School the following resolutions were passed at the bust-"That a gradute of the Washington high

schools, establised in business or a pro-fession, should be urged by the several alumni associations of the schools for appointment to the next vacancy which aros on the board.
"That the Eastern Association should en-deavor to enlist the other associations in

that movement. "That a record be compiled of the graduates of the Eastern and their prese cupations.

"That the secretary of the association be made a permanent officer for the care of

that record.' It was the understanding that the new executive committee of the association, when selected by the representatives of the several classes, should take action in the matters discussed.

The class of 1905 of the McKinley Manual Training School held its first reunion at the school building Thursday, December 28. A large number of the members of the class were present and members of the faculty of the school were invited to meet them. The reunion was an informal affair, and greatly enjoyed.

Miss Edith Westcott and Miss Bentley, who had announced a drawing room lecture by Mr. Arthur Henry, author of "An Island Cabin," "The House in the Woods," "Lodgings in Town" and "The Unwritten Law," for Saturday evening, December 16, and had to recall the announcement because of Mr. Henry's inability to come south at the time, propose to have Mr. Henry lecture about propose to have Mr. Henry lecture about the middle of January. Mr. Henry preaches the simple life, and it has been said of him that had Thorean been a lover of men, rather than a recluse of the woods, he might have written of the life of the city very much in the philosophical spirit in which Mr. Henry has viewed it.

E. Hamilton will expatiate on legal ethics of Columbia University, New York city, is to discourse on civil law; Dr. William C. Woodward, health officer of the District of Columbia, will explain the intricacles of medical jurisprudence; Mr. Aldis B. Browne will speak on the jurisprudence and practice of United States courts, and Mr. Geo. It Co. United States courts, and Mr. Geo. professor in the School of Political Science members of the fourth-year class, as the period indicated will mark the beginning of the lectures of several of the additional instructors for the post-graduate course. Dr. Raieign C. Minor, who is professor of law in the University of Virginia, will discuss the conflict of laws; Dr. Monroe Smith, ours the conflict of laws; Dr. Monroe Smith, professor in the School of Political Science in research The sessions of the School of Law, George-town University, following the Christmas holidays, will be resumed next Tuesday evening. The coming few weeks are ex-pected to be of interest, especially to the members of the fourth-year class, as the

M Street High School has just issued the first number of the year of its High School Journal, a chronicle of the school published blennially. The book is very neatly gotten up and in school notes, editorials, reports on clubs, athletics, literary societies, mili-tary matters and general articles displays keen zest for news and skill in reporting.

Practically hid at the side of the main staircase at the new Business High Chas. R. Miller of Cleveland, command-school all during the recent exhibit was a collection of photographs which, when excollection of photographs which, when examined, proved almost as interesting an epitome of school work as the whole exhibit. They were the photographs representing all departments of objective activity in the schools, and were taken at the order of the superintendent of schools by Miss Francis Benjamin Johnstone. The collection was exhibited first at the Paris exposition in 1900 and later at Purple in exposition in 1900 and later at Buffalo in 1901.

At the Eastern a prize story contest has been in progress for some weeks. The Christmas number of the Easterner, the school paper, publishes the first prize story, "A White Christmas," by Miss Meda Hy of the George Washington University gave a reception in the library and west hall of Columbian College. Mr. Andrew Wilson (Ph. D. 1994), who is a reception of the library and west hall of Columbian College. Mr. Andrew Gill for her story. "The Christians, by Miss Meda Hydroff Wr. R. Pyles, came a close second, and honorable mention was given to Miss Mc-Wilson (Ph. D. 1994), who is a contraction of the contract honorable mention was given to Miss Mc-Gill for her story, "The Christmas Joy That Came to Milfred West." All three

University Club Banquet.

The annual banquet of the University Club will be held at Rauscher's on the evening of February 22. The first meeting of the banquet committee was held at the club house last evening, George O. Foster, jr., presiding. Various subcommittees were appointed and arrangements for a large gathering of college men put under way. The banquet last year was one of the most successful of its kind ever held in the District, and it is believed the forth-coming one will eclipse it. Speakers of note are expected from many of the leading uni-Secretary William, H. Taft served last

year as president, and many men in offi-cial life are found in the new club roster which has just been published. Announcement of the date of the banquet has been avoid other engagements for that night.

Christmas Tree Ablaze.

An exciting fire occurred in the house of Mr. Bruce Hutchinson, 1533 Newton street, Brookland, last night about 8 o'clock. The fire occurred just after the candles on the Christmas tree had been lighted and the light trimmings caught fire. It was feared that the blaze would get beyond the control of the persons who were in the house at the time, but Mr. Hutchinson succeeded in keeping the blaze under control until an alarm was sounded from box 674, calling out the fire department. While playing the part of fireman he was slightly burned about his face and hands. About \$40 dam-age was caused by the blaze.

Went With Perry to Japan. SAVANNAH, Ga., December 30.-Chief

Engineer Increase C. Smith of the steamer City of Atlanta, now at sea on the run be tween New York and Savannah, died tonight, according to a wireless message re-ceived here. As a boy Mr. Smith was a member of Commodore Perry's expedition

Yale's Basket Ball Team Wins. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., December 80 .- The Yale basket ball team defeated the local Y. M. C. A. team here tonight before a large audience by the score of 24 to 8. The Yale squad will play the Birmingham Athletic Club Monday night.

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Montevideo, S. Am., 18 de Julio, 122.
Sao Paulo, S. Am., 15 de Nov. No. 62,
Santiago, Chili, Cassilla No. 2,
Lima, Peru, Quidre No. 17.

GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

School to Be Founded Under Terms of W. C. Andrews' Will.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 30 .- The industrial training school for girls which will be founded at Willoughby, near here under the terms of the will of the late Wallace C. Andrews, the former Cleveland coal and iron operator, who was burned to death with his wife in New York six years ago, will have an endowment fund of nearly \$3,000,000, instead of \$2,000,000, as first reported.

Attorney Virgil P. Kline, who represents the parties interested in seeing the provisions of the will carried out, returned from New York today, where he was in conference with the attorneys representing the relatives of the dead millionaire. He said that an examination of the assets of the estate left by Andrews showed that there will be nearly \$3,000,000 for the founding and maintaining of the industrial

A list of assets is now being prepared and will be sent to Mr. Kline soon. This statement will show that there is nearly \$1,000,-000 more than was expected even by the most sanguine men interested in the found-ing of the school.

The attorneys who represent the relatives of Andrews and who have been fight-ing to break the will have not yet decided whether they will carry the case to the court of appeals. Mr. Kline said today that they had not come to an agreement, but that he believed there would be no further litigation. The case has already been de-cided in the surrogate court, as well as in the supreme court of New York.

HEADQUARTERS IN CLEVELAND. Decision Regarding the United Spanish War Veterans.

CLEVELAND, December 30 .- Some distinguished men, including Gen. Charles King, the novelist, will serve on the staff erans, according to a general order which will be sent out from the headquarters of the organization in Cleveland Monday.

After today the headquarters of the United Spanish War Veterans will be in Cleveland, and Col. Russell B. Harrison, who is the present adjutant general, will organize and establish the headquarters which will be moved from Indianapolis. Charles F. Sherwood, commander of Burdick Camp of the veterans in Cleveland, has been appointed adjutant general, and will be in charge of the Cleveland offices.

Col. Harrison, the present adjutant general, has been elected department commander of the organization for the state of Indiana, and did not desire the appointment of adjutant general because the offices were to be moved to Cleveland. Cleveland military men will hold impor-tant offices, according to the appointments

which have been made by Commander-in-Chief Miller. Capt. F. M. Fanning will be inspector general; Capt. Charles F. Sher-wood will be adjutant general; W. K. Patterson will be assistant adjutant general; Maj. J. S. Windisch will be quartermaster general; Carl F. Muller will be assistant quartermaster general, and Capt. J. A. Blais will be chief of staff. W. P. Dusenbery of Chicago will be assistant inspector

SEVERE ON SPECULATION.

Must Pay High Interest, According to Ruling. NEW YORK, December 30 .- Speculators

who now nave marginal interests in stocks which are being carried by New York stock exchange brokers must pay the high rate of interest which now prevails under a ruling made today by the committee of mittee today caused personal notice to this effect to be given to a number of the mem-bers. It has been rumored on the street for a number of days that brokers were making a loan rate to certain customers a a less rate than they themselves had to pay.

This practice, the committee rules,

amounts to a reduction on commissions, and must not be continued. Under this ruling the individual broker must compute the average rate he is paying on all his loans and charge his customers accord-

Drowned in the Ohio River.

CAIRO, Ill., December 30 .- C. Mueller, son of Capt. J. E. Mueller, and Walter Joclyn, son of Dr. W. C. Joclyn, were drowned in the Ohio river this afternoon as a result of a collision between their gasoline launch and some barges. Charles Hatcher and Charles Woods, who also were in the launch, swam to safety.

Incidents of Trip Recalled. ROME, December 30.-Henry White, the American ambassador, today had a long and cordial conversation with Marquis San Gulliano, the new foreign minister. The conversation was mainly with regard to the United States and the minister pleasantly recalled a number of experiences during his

recent trip there. Seeking Clemency for Patrick.

NAVASOTA, Texas, December 30 .- A petition asking executive elemency for Albert

FIGHT OF THE PRINTERS

BOTH SIDES DECLARE THERE WILL BE NO CONCESSIONS.

NEW YORK, December 30.-Preparations for the fight which is expected to begin next Tuesday between the employing printers of New York and the union compositors went rapidly forward today, and it is declared by both members of the local Typothetae and by officers of Typographical Union, No. 6, that there will be no concessions on either side. The employing printers have opened a headquarters down town, where they have made arrangements to house and feed out-of-town printers who may be brought here to take the places of the strikers.

In practically every book and job printing office in New York was posted today a notice that the shops would be conducted, beginning January 2, on a nine-hour-day schedule and at the present scale of wages. The Typothetae issued a statement today in which it declares that all it wants is protection for the new men who will be

brought into the shops. All the members of the typographical union in this city paid a 10 per cent assess-ment on their week's wages today to aid in the proposed strike, and it is said the fund thus far gathered by the "big six" is the largest the union has ever had to fall back

NEWS BRIEFS.

The Maryland Cereal Company, recently incorporated in Cumberland, will erect a modern storeroom and warehouse in Cum-

Miss Alice DeBerry, daughter of Clark DeBerry, is dead at Oakland, Md., aged thirty-eight years. She was a teacher in the Garrett county schools for thirteen

James D. Hamill, editor of the Garrett Republican, Oakland, Md., is very ill with congestion of the lungs. The office building to be erected by the Interstate Trust and Guaranty Company on Baltimore street, Cumberland, will be

eight stories, 50 by 90 feet and will be of fireproof construction. Patterson Oliver, the oldest resident Cumberland valley, six miles north of Cumberland, Md., is dead at his home, three miles east of Centerville, aged ninety-five years. He was an Odd Fellow, and among

the very oldest members of the order in the country. Abram Cartwright is dead at Riddlesburg, Pa., aged sixty-eight years. He is survived by four sons and five daughters. He was a Union veteran of the civil war

and a member of the Methodist Church and the Odd Fellows. Oakland (Md.) Lodge, No. 192, A. F. and A. M., has presented to Capt. J. M. Jarboe, worshipful master, a fine jewel. The presentation was made by Dr. E. H. Bartlett, who has been a Mason for forty-five years and is the only surviving Mason when Capt. Jarboe was initiated, thirty-eight years ago, and, singular to relate, in a room in

Capt. Jarboe's residence now occupied by him as a sleeping apartment. The MacArthur Bros. Construction Cor pany of Chicago and New York has made an official statement of subcontracts let for over one hundred miles of the new Tide water railroad, said to be a Gould road, through the lower section of West Virginia and Virginia to Norfolk. The work to be done by the contractors involves some of the heaviest rock and tunnel cutting ever

undertaken in this country. While waiting at her former home in Norfolk, Va., the arrival of her husband from Pittsburg, Pa., Mrs. Charles McCov received a telegram telling her that McCov had been killed accidentally while prepar-ing to take a train for that city.

One sledgehammer blow from the fist of by George Washington, produced instant death. The killing occurred at Sewell's Point, a settlement on Hampton Roads, eight miles from Norfolk. Virgil Hovermale, aged seventeen years

who accidentally shot himself while hunting in the mountains near his home, above Hancock Station, Md., Thanksgiving day, died at the Allegany Hospital, Cumberland, having collapsed after an operation involv-ing the removal of a poisonous accumula-

The remains of Robert Kerns, who was run down and killed by a train at Cumberland, Md., will be taken to Hancock Md., for interment today. He was a son of Robert A. Kerns, of Hancock, who spent Christmas with him. spent Christmas with him.

The Cumberland and Pennsylvania railroad has leased the use of its three main tracks leading from the viaduct in Cumberland to Mount Savage Junction to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for ninetynine years at an annual rental of \$12.000 a year. These tracks are used by the Pittsburg division of the Baltimore and Ohio to enter Cumberland.

Accused of Theft. Isaac Reese, a colored laborer, was lock-

ed up at the first precinct station last night for alleged theft. He was captured only after an exciting chase, and was arrested in the Globe printing office. He is accused of stealing about \$2 worth of metal. When pursued he went to the roof of the build-

CATHOLICISM IN FRANCE.

With the New Year the Church Enters on a New Epoch. PARIS, Deember 30 .- With the new year

the Catholic Church in France enters a new epoch. The first sign of the change is the list for the president's reception, which does not contain the names of any prelates. The great question now is what action the bishops will take at the meeting of cardinals Thursday, which is the first to be held in a century. It is looked upon by the bishops as an attempt on the part of the cardinals to assume a sort of cabinetship of the church. At meetings of bishops held for other purposes up to the present time it has been seen that the majority of them favor peaceable acceptance of the principle of

the separation of church and state. The principal opponents to this are Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris: Cardinal Perraud, archbishop of Autun; Cardinal Coulle, archbishop of Lyons; the archbishop of Cambrai and the bishops of Arras and Quimper and most of the Breton bishops, forming the conservative ele ment of the church. These hold that the law is a schismatic one and that the assoclations will accomplish the objects of the framers of it by withdrawing as far as possible the parish government from the hands of the clergy and the diocesan government from the hands of the bishops. The conciliation party, led by Cardinal Lecot, archbishop of Bordeaux, and Cardinal Laboure, archbishop of Rennes, maintains that resistance will entail a religious war, which would be the worst of evils, in view of the indifference of the greater number of Catholics, and in addition to which the

population would not understand the ob-jects of the war.

It is thought in the event of the two parties not agreeing that the French church will be formed on lines similar to the Free Church of Scotland by the dissentients.

ENA TO SEE THE POPE.

After Princess Has Embraced Roman Special Cablegram to The Star

ROME, December 30.-The Vatican has been notified that Princess Ena of Battenburg and her mother will shortly arrive at Civita Vecchia on a warship, and will spend a month at the Villa Albano. After her conversion to the Roman Catholic faith Princess Ena will be received privately by the pope. Subsequently she will meet King Alfonso at Naples.

THE FREE-PASS QUESTION.

Pennsylvania Official Indorses Action of the Railways.

HARRISBURG, December 30.-Major Isaac B. Brown, secretary of internal atfairs and chief of the state bureau of railways, in his annual report for the year 1905 says there is no room left to doubt the wisdom of the action of the railroads operating in Pennsylvania in abolishing the practice of issuing passes.

He discredits the suggestion that the elimination of free transportation is but a temporary matter, and says that the increased federal and state supervision of railroads would prevent a return to the old conditions even if the railroads desired to

"To what extent the railroads have been imposed upon and to what degree the abuse of granting free transportation has grown is best known to the managers of railroads," the report states, "but no thoughtful observer has failed to note the unreasonable extent to which free transportation has been distributed to the favored few in

times of political contests.
"In times of exciting political contests tens of thousands of people have been brought to state conventions of both the leading parties, and the result has been generally unsatisfactory. Railroads have been imposed upon, political contentions have been fermented and the welfare of the commonwealth has been in no way conserved."

NOT LIABLE FOR BACK TAXES.

County Judge at Louisville Decided for Louisville and Nashville Boad. LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 80.-County Judge Gregory today decided that the Louisville and Nashville railroad was not it. able for back taxes on tangible and intangla ble personality to the extent of \$40,000,000 claimed in the suit brought by Revenue Agent Frank Lucas. The property on

which suft was brought is represented by

railroad construction material, rolling

stock, etc., sinking fund deposits and ac-

counts and securities in the railroads controlled by the company in the south.
It is contended that the railroad should account for this property because it only pays taxes in Kentucky on a franchise val uation of \$6,000,000. The road's defense was that it accounted for all these holdings in the franchise tax it paid to other states. The commonwealth will appeal.

Unusual Quiet Noted.

Reports from the several police precinct received at headquarters shortly after mid-night indicated an unusually quiet condiable increase of vital activity, because it heightens the nervous stimulation."

Although dancing is allowed in some schools during the noon recess for the school during the noon recess for the school during the n